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## GS Men's Soccer Announces Final Eight Signees For 2019

Eagles will have 14 newcomers total on the squad this Fall

Men's Soccer

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**STATESBORO** - Georgia Southern Head Men's Soccer Coach [John Murphy](#) has announced the remaining newcomers who will join the Eagle roster for the upcoming 2019 season.

Eight more newcomers join the six already announced to make up the Georgia Southern incoming class, which reports to campus to take part in preseason activities in less than a month. The newcomers are: 6-0 forward PJ Amponsah (Brampton, Ontario / Oral Roberts); 6-2 goalkeeper Jose Eduardo Bomfim (Salvador, Brazil / Lander); 5-9 goalkeeper Sai Brown (Grayson, Ga. / Gwinnett); 6-1 defender Danny Drzaic (Ingolstadt, Germany / Ingolstadt); 6-1 forward/midfielder Asgeir Kristjansson (Husavik, Iceland / Akureyri); 5-10 midfielder Jeremiah Luoma (Atlanta, Ga. / Clarkston HS); and 5-11 midfielder Jack Philp (Clarendon Hills, Ill. / Hartwick).

Read all about the eight newcomers below:



**PJ Amponsah**  
**6-0, 160**  
**Forward**  
**Brampton, Ontario**  
**Oral Roberts / Lewis & Clark CC**

Amponsah played one season at Lewis & Clark CC in 2017, scoring 10 goals and notching five assists for 25 points in 17 matches started, earning All-Region and All-Conference honors ... Transferred to Oral Roberts for his sophomore season in 2018 and played in 11 matches, notching one goal and one assist ... Went to David Suzuki Secondary School in Brampton and helped lead his school team to the Division I ROPSSAA and OFSAA Championships.

Coach Murphy: "PJ comes to us from Oral Roberts University. He's a really exciting player that operates well out wide, but can also come inside, and at this level that can unbalance opponents and create chances. His work rate is fantastic, even though he's an attacking player. He gets back defensively and helps the team, and I believe you need players like that."



**Jose Eduardo Bomfim**  
**6-2, 194**  
**Goalkeeper**  
**Salvador, Brazil**  
**Lander**

Bomfim played one season at Lander University, going 5-0 with an 0.60 GAA ... Made nine saves ... Member of the Peach Belt Conference Presidential Honor Roll ... Earned Peach Belt Goalkeeper of the Week honors on Sept. 12, making six saves in a 1-0 shutout win over Anderson (SC) ... Played club for Metropolitano in his home country of Brazil.

Coach Murphy: "Jose was at Lander, one of the top Division II programs in the country. He's very mature, and has a great frame and physique. His ability to play out of the back distribution-wise is outstanding. I expect him to challenge for our first goalkeeper position."



**Sai Brown**  
**5-9, 175**  
**Goalkeeper**  
**Atlanta, Ga.**  
**Gwinnett**



Brown plays his club ball for Atlanta United and helped the club win the U15/16 National Championships ... Also helped the club win State Cup with the U14s and 3rd place nationally ... Graduated from Gwinnett Online Campus.

Coach Murphy: "Sai is an in-state kid, which is very important to us here at Georgia Southern. Agile and quick, Sai has great feet, and most importantly he keeps the ball out of the net. He is very aggressive in 1-on-1s, and comes in and claims crosses competently."



**Danny Drzaic**  
6-1, 165  
Defender  
Ingolstadt, Germany  
Ingolstadt

Drzaic has logged more than 350 matches for his youth club of FC Ingolstadt 04 ... Has also logged more than 50 matches playing in the Landesliga/Regionalliga ... Graduated from Gymnasium Ingolstadt.

Coach Murphy: "Danny is a very mature, intelligent individual who can play center back or can play fullback. I feel like he's a good passer of the ball and is smart tactically. He's going to provide depth at an important part of the field for us."



**Asgeir Kristjansson**  
6-1, 176  
Forward/Midfielder  
Husavik, Iceland  
Menntaskolinn a Askureyri

Kristjansson played club ball for Volsungur, in Iceland, and played in his first match for the senior club at the age of 16 ... Graduated from Menntaskolinn a Akureyri.

Coach Murphy: "Asgeir is an exciting, direct attacking player that can be deployed in wide positions and can play up front. He's been playing at a high level in Iceland for several years now and, as an offensive catalyst, he can create goals for himself or for others. We feel he's going to make an impact right away."



**Azaad Liadi**  
6-1, 180  
Midfielder/Forward

**Sterling Heights, Mich.  
Saginaw Valley State**

Liadi played for three seasons at Saginaw Valley State in Saginaw, Mich. ... Played in 56 matches over three seasons, tallying 11 career goals and five assists for the Cardinals ... Finished third in the GLIAC in 2018 with nine goals scored, earning first-team All-GLIAC honors as well as second-team All-Midwest Region honors as selected by the NSCAA and D2CCA ... Helped lead Saginaw Valley State to the 2016 & 2018 GLIAC Championship ... Played club ball for Vardar ... Graduated from Henry Ford II HS in Sterling Heights, Mich.

Coach Murphy: "Azaad comes to us from Saginaw Valley State, where he had a very impressive career. He's someone who's going to bring a great deal of athleticism and maturity up front. He's another player that can play up front on his own, or in a pair, and can go wide as a winger if required."



**Jeremiah Luoma  
5-10, 145  
Midfielder  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Clarkston HS**

Luoma earned first-team All-State honors at Clarkston HS as a junior ... Played club ball for Atlanta United FC U-18/19, playing 50 matches over two seasons and notching three goals.

Coach Murphy: "Jeremiah comes from Atlanta United's academy, which we have a great connection with the first team up there, so we're excited to have another one of their players play for us. He's an extremely pacy player, who can be deployed as a winger or a fullback. He's played some very important games for their academy over the last couple of years, so he should be able to come in and acclimate to college soccer right away."



**Jack Philp  
5-11, 170  
Midfielder  
Edinburgh, Scotland  
Hartwick**

Philp played for two seasons at former Sun Belt rival Hartwick ... Saw action in eight matches, making one start and taking four shots as a freshman in 2016 ... Played another eight matches, starting four times, as a sophomore in 2017, taking seven shots ... Earned President's List and Phillip S. Wilder Jr. Award for academic distinction both years ... Captained his club team of Tynecastle in Scotland and led them to the 2016-16 league title.

Coach Murphy: "Jack comes from Hartwick and is a graduate transfer with two years of eligibility. We played against them a couple of years ago, when Hartwick was still in the Sun Belt Conference. He's a tenacious two-way midfielder who can win the ball and work defensively, but has a nice touch and great vision for passing. I think he's going to add quite a bit to the center of our midfield."

These eight players join the 18 returnees who led Georgia Southern to a 7-7-3 overall record in 2018, advancing to the Sun Belt Conference Tournament Championship match. The Eagles open up the 2019 season on Friday, August 30, in Charleston, S.C., at the Aaron Olitsky Tournament and play their first home match on Friday, September 6, against Merrimack at Eagle Field. [Click here to purchase your season tickets.](#)